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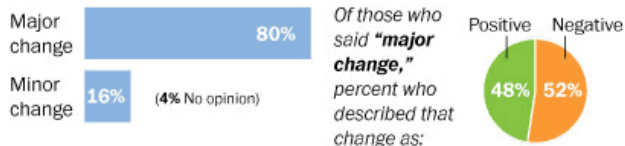
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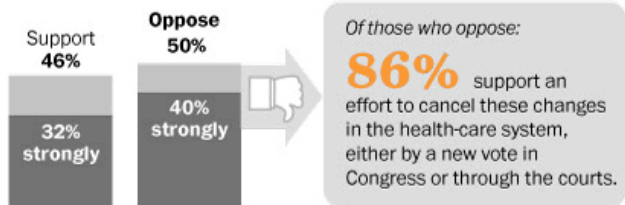
Big changes, but not in opinion

Eight in 10 people polled say the newly enacted health-care law represents a major change for the country, but public opinion has moved little since the measure's passage.

Q: Do these changes to the healthcare system represent a **major change in the direction of the country**, or don't you think so?



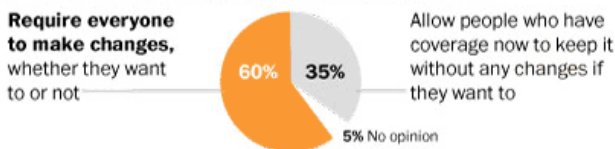
Q: Overall, given what you know about them, would you say you **support or oppose the changes to the health-care system** that have been enacted by Congress and the Obama administration?



Percent who say the following will **get better** in the long run as a result of these changes to the health-care system, **get worse** or **remain about the same**:

	Better	Same	Worse
The overall health-care system in this country	37	15	44
The quality of health care you receive	18	35	44
IF INSURED: Your health insurance coverage	17	38	42
IF UNINSURED: Your ability to get health insurance	48	25	25

Percent who think these changes to the health-care system will:



Q: Just your best guess, do you think these changes to the health-care system will increase the **federal budget deficit**, decrease it or have no effect?



Of those who think it will increase the federal budget deficit: Only **32%** think it will be worth it

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Percent who say the **amount of government involvement** in the nation's health-care system the plan creates is:



47%

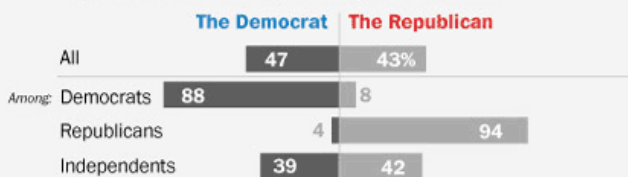
say **President Obama and the Democrats** in Congress **did not make a good-faith effort** to cooperate with Republicans.

63%

say **Republicans** in Congress **did not make a good-faith effort** to cooperate with Obama and the Democrats.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

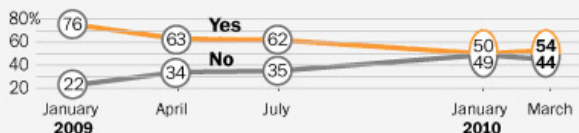
Q: If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, **would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate** in your congressional district?



Q: If control of the Congress switched from the Democrats to the Republicans after November's election, do you think that **would be a good thing, a bad thing, or wouldn't it make any difference?**



Q: Please tell me whether the following statement applies to President Obama: **He has brought needed change to Washington.**



SOURCE: Washington Post poll conducted March 23-26 among a random national sample of 1,000 adults | The Washington Post - March 28, 2010

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